

House Resolution No. 3115

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school extracurricular programs that admirably provide students with opportunities to obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, future society leaders, and skilled practitioners in their chosen fields of expertise; and

Whereas, Pleasant Hope High School in the Pleasant Hope R-VI School District sponsors an FFA program whose Soils team won the 2008 National Land and Range Judging Contest, which took place in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, the first Missouri Soils team ever to win the National Land and Range Judging Contest, the Pleasant Hope Soils team was composed of students Blake Press, Matt Brown, Brady Gifford, and Ben Farrell; and

Whereas, competing against individuals on nearly one hundred other teams, Blake Press finished ninth, Matt Brown was tenth, Brady Gifford was sixteenth, and Ben Farrell placed 280th; and

Whereas, under the astute guidance of advisor Jeff Voris, the Pleasant Hope FFA Soil team students studied the adaptability of the land for such various purposes as farming, range management, and home development; and

Whereas, the Soil team students also learned skills applicable to environmental and agricultural management, natural resource conservation, homebuilding, and construction; and

Whereas, the National Land and Range Judging Contest was developed by three Oklahoma conservationists in 1942, has been located in Oklahoma City since 1952, and has been held fifty-seven times:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Pleasant Hope High School FFA program and to convey to its 2007-2008 Soils team this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon taking First Place at the National Soils Competition; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Pleasant Hope High School FFA program.

Offered by _____
Representative Ed Emery
District No. 126

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3115, adopted May 15, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker